

1 A unicameral legislature dispenses with the
2 need for hasty and ill-considered legislation. We of the
3 Minority believe that bicameralism provides a self-fulfilling
4 prophecy that there will be hasty and ill-considered legis-
5 lation because of the need to rush on, to get legislation
6 to the other house, in order that it might be considered
7 at all.

8 By the establishment of careful procedures,
9 a measure can be adequately considered and debated in a
10 single house, and a unicameral body will not find itself
11 jammed with bills it has not seen before as it is moving
12 toward adjournment.

13 Certainly a great deal more can be achieved
14 for the same cost in a unicameral body than in a bicameral
15 body, whether we be concerned with salaries of legislators
16 or the necessities of staff and office facilities.
17 We believe that when the arguments for bicameralism
18 are reduced to their essentials, they consist of two prin-
19 cipal propositions. Both have been stated admirably
20 and well by the Chairman: that bicameralism is traditional
21 -- but so are elected judges, long Constitutions, division